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LETTER DATED 24 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation continued over the period 15-22 December 1992.

15-16 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 51 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Chalabiyah, Shatrah and Busayyah.

16-17 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Dohuk, Irbil, Amadiyah, Zakho, and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Ushbayjah, Qal'at Salih and Artawi.

17-18 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Dohuk, Irbil, Amadiyah, Mosul and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Chalabiyah, Salman, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Shatrah, Qurnah and Amarah.

18-19 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 4 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 750 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 6,000 metres, centred over Irbil and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Artawi and Busayyah.

19-20 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 1 sortie flown by a United States TR-1 aircraft that carried out hostile reconnaissance in the southern region from an altitude of 20,000 metres, entering at 1200 hours and leaving at 1425 hours on 20 December 1992.

20-21 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Amadiyah and Mosul.

(b) Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Salman, Busayyah, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Chalabiyah, Artawi and Basra.

21-22 December 1992

(a) Northern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Dukan and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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